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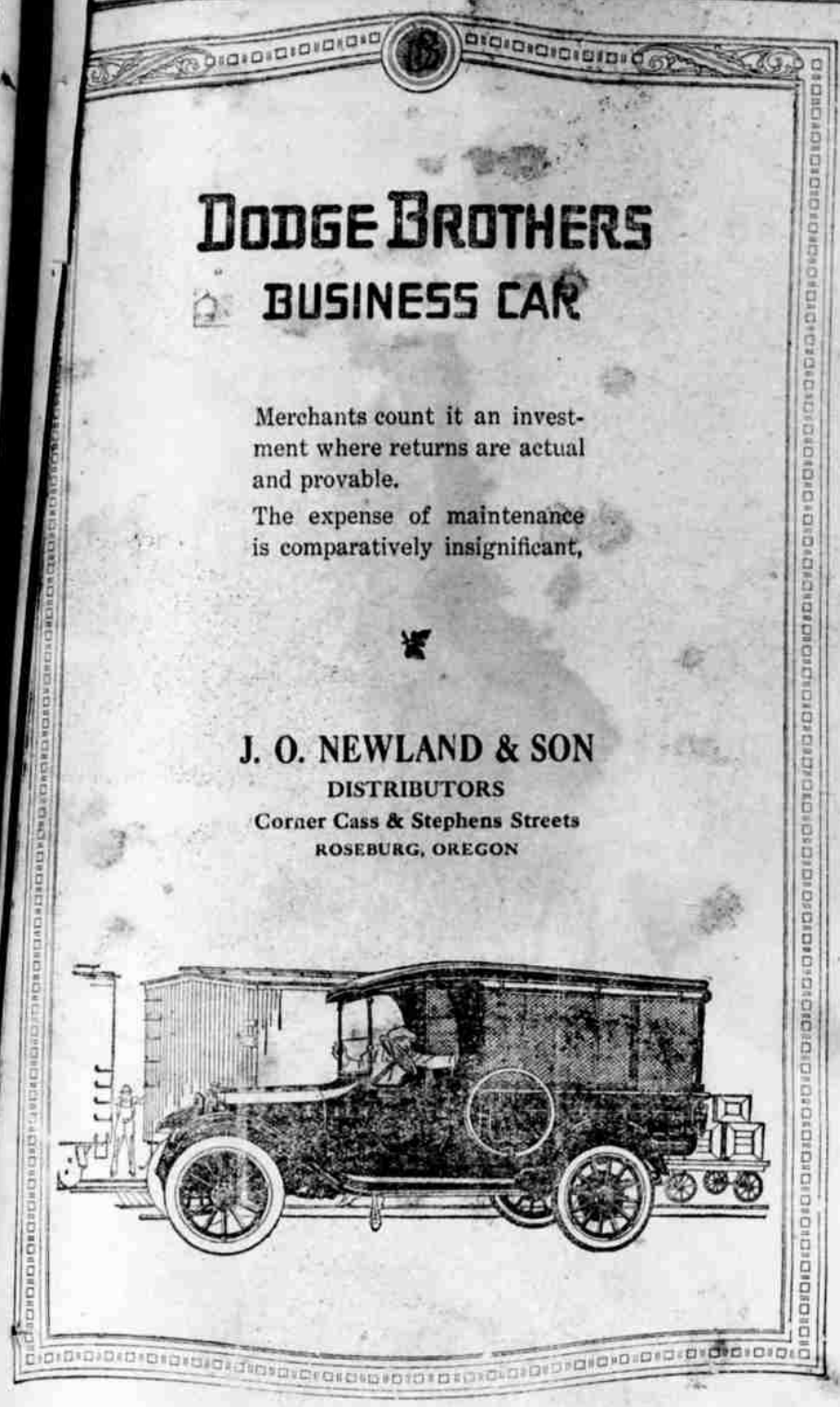

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HER DAUGHTER AND HIS SON.

BY IDAH McGLONE

Jimmie Callahan's Farewell.

By morning, we had decided that I was to go away to school and my mother was to live on at the little cottage. I did not want to do this. In fact I begged hard and long that she go with me, but at last she told me that she had promised my father that she would stay in this little cottage and wait for him.

"He shouldn't have asked this," I said hotly. "It was hard enough for you to bear without imposing any condition."

"Hush, dear," my mother said putting her hand over my mouth. "Your father rightly knew that only in this little spot, where I had been so happy with him, could I really bear to live. Of course, time has softened the blow, dear Ann, and you can help me immeasurably."

"But, mother, have I been enough to you to pay for all that you have had to go through for me?" I queried.

"More than enough, dear. I could not have lived without you."

All that day we were very busy preparing me to go away. Every little while my mother would pass me and put her hand on my head. Once or twice I held up my mouth for a kiss, and as her lips softly touched mine, I felt her hot tears on my cheeks.

"I will not go and leave you," I said after one of these kisses.

"It's better so, my child; it's better so," my mother answered. "Your life is all before you. You must have an education. It is all that I can give you. Much of my life lies all behind me, and I must keep the one sacred promise that is all that I have of the many I made in my great love. I must wait, even unto the end."

Kenneth Halsey rode by on his pony, leading the other and whistling for me two or three times that day, but I did not go to the window. At last he came up to the door and rang the bell, but I told my mother I did not wish to see him, and she reported that he went away rather sulky.

Shortly afterward, however, I peeked through the blinds as I heard the familiar "toot" of his roadster, and saw him riding by with Grace Cameron. I rushed back to my mother and said, "I'm glad I'm going; I'm glad I'm going, and I'll get an education and make you proud of me, mother, dear."

"I am very proud of you now, my child. And I want you to know always, that one reason I am proud of you is because you have your father's hair and eyes and you have his wonderful personality, and above all his wonderful courage. And my child, you must remember that your mother thinks that courage is the greatest virtue."

As the shadows began to lengthen in the afternoon, there was a timid knock at our front door. When I opened it, I stared into the freckled face of Jimmy Callahan. He said nothing, but held out a basket filled with fruit.

"Mother did you order any fruit?" I asked.

"I didn't come to deliver groceries, Ann. I came to bring you this fruit for your own self, and to ask why you were not at school today?"

"I'm never going to school any more, at least not this school. I'm going away to a splendid school."

"When are you going?" asked Jimmy in an awed tone.

"Tomorrow morning, early."

Jimmy dropped the basket of fruit on the floor and it rolled unheeded under our feet.

"Ain't you ever coming back?" he asked wistfully.

"I hope not," I answered shortly.

As if just noticing that the basket of fruit was overturned, Jimmy stooped and picked it up slowly. Again he tendered me the basket. "It'll be nice to eat on the train," he remarked slowly, and thrusting it into my hand he turned and fled.

I set the basket down quickly and ran after him. "Oh Jimmy, come back here; come back, I want to tell you something."

Jimmy turned back and came toward me, and to my surprise there were traces of tears on his freckled cheeks.

"I just wanted to say that I like you, Jimmy. And I don't believe that there will ever be anybody nicer to me than you have been. When I am gone I want, every time that you come to deliver the groceries to mother that you ask her how I am, and I'll tell her something to say to you every letter that I write to her. And Jimmy, I want to tell you something before I go. My father's name was Robert Carleton, and there was some very unfortunate circumstances connected with my birth, for which neither my father nor my mother was to blame. I just want you to understand this if you should hear anything after I am gone."

"Aw, that's all right, Ann. I knew it a long while ago, and I blacked Tommy Retzler's eye yesterday for saying something about it I didn't like. It's all right, Ann." And then Jimmy stopped and blushed, as he added: "I want you to remember that some day when I've grown up, I'm going to marry you, Ann."

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ELKTON NEWS NOTES

Wednesday, September 15 was fair day at Elkton, but there was a small attendance as the farmers were attending to the prune harvest, and some had not heard of the fair, but the exhibits, although small and few in number, were of good quality.

School has started at Elkton with good attendance. The high school at present has 15 pupils and several more are expected to come soon.

The school house is much better than it was since it has been painted inside and out, the roof partly reshingled and two rooms being upstairs instead of one as formerly.

Houses are all taken in Elkton, some of the school districts near here which have no teacher for the winter, those having children of school age would like to move to Elkton for the school advantages offered if they could obtain houses.

Fred Riley will give up the telephone central on October first and will move in the Davis house.

Elva Shortridge, is visiting in this city at the present but will soon move to Looking Glass with her parents, and where she and her two sisters will attend high school. XX

GLENDALE NEWS

The Glendale Grange fair closes this evening and we feel very proud of the exhibits that we carefully looked over.

We were surprised and pleased at the excellence of the vegetable products of the Cow Creek district. Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes side by side, new varieties of melons and of squashes that greeted our vision for the first time after over thirty years residence in this valley. The cereal corner claimed our inspection. The tall sheaves with perfect heads and the splendid display of clover and field grasses—could they have been grown in some nearby valley. We drifted mechanically toward the ladies corner where the beautiful and artistic handiwork of our neighbors along many lines were displayed. Their culinary skill in the fine art of domestic science amazed us—was it a chimera of our brain or are we standing upon the heights of the 20 century attainments. We tried to note it all, even the cross of fine fowl. We especially noticed the fine rooster in his solitary coop—and a fine large, newly-laid egg was there. We were determined not to ask any questions—and so far—we do not know.

The committee on duty was Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jacques and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson. The fair exhibits are a splendid advertisement for Cow creek valley, and might easily have been twice as large. We are sure our next fair will be the co-operative work of all our people. We fully realize and appreciate the achievements of our Grange, its work is phenomenal, and we owe its beginning in the valley to Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Garrett, and our progressive people understood the work, and we see the result.

Harry Pearce, the democratic candidate for sheriff was in this city on Tuesday.

E. P. Hayes, our esteemed fellow townsman who has been at Salem having his hand treated by the Accident commission is at home this week. Later he will return to Salem for further treatment. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have the profound sympathy of all in the serious accident that has befallen Mr. Hayes.

Miss Lillian Vandervort, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Vandervort of Yoncalla, is teaching the school in the Ely Wilson district.

Mrs. M. C. Webb, wife of our pastor was called to California by a wire announcing the death of her brother. XX

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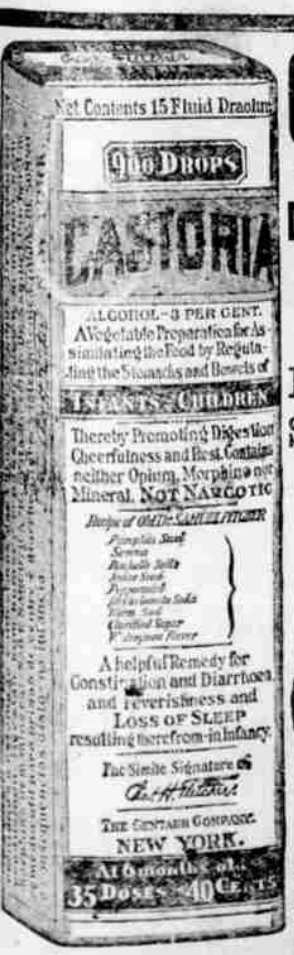

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